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RHINELANDER, WIS.

THE VENEER FACTORY A PROMISING INDUSTRY

FROM MODEST BEGINNING THE CONCERN IS BOUND TO GROW.

A Few Facts Concerning the Late Addition to Rhinelander's Manufactories—Is Now Running With a Force of Thirty-seven—No Doubt as to an Abundance of Timber—Encouragement to Home-Seekers.

We have in Rhinelander a little industry that promises to expand till it becomes one of the most flourishing institutions of the city. We refer to the factory of the Wisconsin Veneer company. The above concern has operated its plant only since the 16th day of November, but even at this early stage the members of the firm feel greatly encouraged and are confident that a bright future is before them. They are not alone in this feeling of confidence, for every one posted on the resources of Oneida county feel that the owners of the new factory have made no mistake in choosing a location.

It was on the 14th day of August, last year, that A. H. Frost, W. H. Hendy and R. C. Dayton arrived in Rhinelander to look the city and tributary country over with a view of establishing a factory for the manufacture of veneer. Other cities in this section of the state held out flattering inducements to them, especially Tomahawk, the citizens of which city seemed determined to secure their location there. W. H. Bradley, the lumber king, even offered to invest double the amount of money that the above trio had contemplated placing in the business enterprise. Considerable time was spent here in looking over the field. The visit to this city proved clearly to the gentlemen that Rhinelander and Oneida county held out by far the best natural inducements. Here they found a far greater supply of the raw material and here they decided to locate, and wisely, too, we believe.

The factory is now running full blast, giving employment to thirty-seven men. It has been in operation long enough to bring the plant down to a fine working point. Thus far, the company has shipped seven carloads of the product of their factory, which went to New York and Boston.

There seemed at first to be a doubt in the minds of some of our people whether or not enough of the raw material could be secured to keep the factory in continuous operation. A walk through the grounds adjacent to the factory will dispel any such doubt. There, can be seen mammoth piles of birch and hawthorn logs and carload after carload is being hauled there daily by the Soo and Northwest-

ern roads. The homesteaders in the country tributary to the city are awakening to the fact that in the establishment of the veneer factory here an opportunity is afforded them to market their timber at good prices. This helps them to clear their farms during the winter, instead of forcing them to seek employment in the lumber camps. This will help many a homesteader in clearing his lands. In fact it marks a new era in the agricultural development of the county. The establishment of wood working industries is a great encouragement for homesteaders to locate. It is to be hoped that the coming of the factory of which we speak is but a beginning and that many similar ones may follow.

The future success of Rhinelander demands the turning of the attention of the business men of the city to hard-wood working industries, instead of merely to the manufacture of pine. It is anything that will help in transforming the county into a prosperous agricultural section.

A representative of The New North was recently a visitor at the plant of the Wisconsin Veneer company and was shown about by Mr. Hendy, who informed us of the various details in the process of the manufacture of veneer. We felt that the visit was a very profitable one and the sight was far beyond expectations. It is well worth the time to witness the process and see the different stages in the manufacture, which includes sawing, steaming, cutting, drying and packing. At present the company is using only basswood and birch, but later will buy elm, maple, black ash and oak.

The company consists of three members. Following are their names and the offices they hold: A. H. Frost, president; R. C. Dayton, secretary and manager; W. H. Hendy, vice-president and treasurer. They are business-like, energetic gentlemen, men of ability, who have engaged in business here with a full determination of meeting with success. They looked the surrounding country over carefully and were satisfied in their own minds that the conditions would meet the requirements. They were sure they were right, then went ahead.

A "HUNCH" FROM THE EDITOR.

A suggestion as to a way to assist him in the trials of news gathering.

A newspaper, in order to do justice to public entertainments and amusements in after remarks, should have a representative on the ground. Occasionally the editor of a paper is remembered with a "hunch." When he is so fortunate, it will be observed by an unnecessary close examination, that these entertainments receive the more extended and complete write-up. It is the purpose of The New North to give all the happenings in a news way as far as possible, but no newspaper man feels under obligations to dig down in his jeans for every entertainment that may happen to be given, merely for the sake of giving it the mention it might deserve. It must be remembered that the average newspaper man and a bank account are total strangers and at the rate complimentary tickets are given out to the newspaper fraternity in Rhinelander, the aforesaid bank account would be necessary to chronicle the events in the manner we would like to. The promoters of such entertainments should not become possessed of the mistaken idea that to remember the press is an honorable act. The benefits are mutual and far reaching. We trust this "hunch" will be accepted in the spirit it is offered.

Rev. Hitchcock Resigns Pastorate.

It is with a feeling of regret that the members and friends of the Episcopal church learned of the resignation of Rev. C. M. Hitchcock as pastor of the local church and that he is to take his departure from Rhinelander to make his home at Ashland. He is to have charge of the Washburn and Bayfield churches. Rev. Hitchcock will greatly miss his religious, musical and social circles. His many friends join in wishing him and his estimable mother much happiness in their new home. His mother will probably remain here till spring.

White River Lbr. Co. Opens Office.

The White River Lumber company, of Chicago, recently opened an office in this city with J. T. Dolan in charge. The company has been making some heavy purchases of late in this section of the state. Some time ago the concern purchased last year's output of the Stevens Lumber company, which was in the neighborhood of 500,000 feet. Mr. Dolan, who has desk room in the Stevens mill office, informs us that his company is in the market to buy all the lumber it can get.

Rhinelander Boys to the Front.

The Rhinelander boys are certainly faring well at the State university. There are among the students six military companies. Sam Higgins and Harry Kemp hold the captaincies of two of the companies and Leslie Keers is first lieutenant of one. It's too bad there are not three more Rhinelander boys in that institution. If there were, our conflagration would no doubt be the "whole push."

Bon Ami Club Dance.

The members of the Bon Ami club will give a dance at the New Grand opera house tomorrow (Friday) night. The mere mention that the dance will be given by the young ladies of the club is assurance enough that it will be a great social success.

RHINELANDER WINS IN BASKET BALL CONTEST

TOMAHAWK DEFEATED IN FRIDAY EVENING'S GAME HERE.

Final Score Was 19 to 16—The First Ever Played in the City—Preliminaries Led to the Belief That Visitors Would Have an Easy Time—A Pleasant Dance Follows—Wassau Y. M. C. A. Boys Coming.

Rhinelander, 19; Tomahawk, 16. The above figures tell the tale of the basket ball game played between the Co. L. team and the Tomahawk City team at the Armory hall last Friday evening, the first contest of the kind ever played in this city. The game is a new one to a great majority of the people of Rhinelander. One would hardly think this, however, from the enthusiasm made manifest.

The preliminary practice work led many to believe that the visitors would have an easy time of it in winning laurels. There is not much to the game. That is, there is no great amount of science displayed in it, unless it be in making the basket. Young Bebeau, of the Hatchet City team, seemed to have this down almost to perfection.

The game started with the following line-up of players: Rhinelander, Chas. Bebeau, center; R. F. Annis, F. Thomas, right forward; J. Bullion, Will Fuller, left forward; J. Bentley, A. Hengst, right guard; Geo. Burns, Guy Fuller, left guard; John Mace.

In the second half of the game there was a change in the line-up of the Rhinelander team. Wilson Roller took the place of Geo. Burns as right guard, and Harry Johnson the place of John Mace as left guard.

The first half of the game ended 10 to 7 in favor of the entertaining team, the final score being 19 to 16. The game by rights should have stood 21 to 13. In the second half the goal was changed. Bentley, of the home team, forgot this and on a throw from the field threw the ball into the Tomahawk basket, thus giving them two scores that should have belonged to the home team.

Rhinelander made six goals from the field. Annis made three, Bentley two and Bullion one. Annis got six goals on free throws.

The visitors got three goals from the field. Bebeau made two of them and Bentley, of the home team, the other one. This was where he made the mistake in not remembering the change of goals after the first half.

The total number of goals made on free throws was ten.

Will Lawless, of this city, made a fair and impartial referee. The umpires were: John Webber for Tomahawk and Napoleon Hibel for Rhinelander. Time keeper, Brooks Edwards. Score keeper, Roy Annis.

The visiting team was accompanied by a delegation of about fifteen couples, who rooted long and loud for their favorites. They resorted to no abuse and carried themselves as perfect ladies and gentlemen. They had a good time despite the fact that they were obliged to return home without the honors.

After the game was finished, the floor was cleared and dancing was indulged in till the small hours of the morning. Music for the occasion was furnished by Bruno Bros' orchestra. The visitors participated till shortly before the departure of their train at 2:30 a. m. Before leaving they assured the Rhinelander hosts that they had been royally entertained.

We are informed that the local team has a game scheduled to be played at the Armory hall in this city on Thursday evening, February 7th, with the Y. M. C. A. team of Wassau. It is an old organized team that our boys have arranged to try conclusions with and in order to hold up their end, a vast amount of hard practice will be necessary. Basket ball is devoid of many of the objectionable features that characterize certain games we might mention. It is one that should be encouraged by our citizens. While it is harmless, it is fast enough to satisfy anyone.

WILL RETURN SATURDAY

Will Occupy Pulpit in the Congregational Church Next Sunday—Janesville Paper Pays Deserved Tribute.

Rev. A. G. Wilson, pastor of the Congregational church, wife and daughter Edna, are expected to arrive here on Saturday. Their household goods were shipped from Janesville yesterday and will arrive the latter part of the week. Rev. Wilson and family will make their home in the Kelley residence in the Sixth ward. The Janesville Gazette is commenting on the removal of Rev. Wilson and family to this city, says:

"The home of Rev. A. G. Wilson is torn up preparatory to the removal of the family to Rhinelander, where Mr. Wilson is located as pastor of the Congregational church. The household goods will be shipped next Wednesday."

"Mr. Wilson's contract with this society dates from Jan. 1, which he claims is a very good way to open up the century. The church is a handsome Gothic building with a capacity of 400. The average congregation is 150, with a flourishing and progressive Sunday school at about the same size. The people are very liberal in thought and in close sympathy with their pastor."

"Rhinelander is a picturesque city in the heart of the lumber district.

The surrounding country is dotted with lakes, well stocked with fish. It is an ideal location for the sportsman. It is an attractive spot in summer for people seeking rest and recuperation, and summer hotels are within easy reach in all directions.

"The cost of living is a little in advance of this part of the state, but money is plenty, and people spend it with a liberal hand. The winter is rather long, that is counting from both ends, but reason for lingering in lap of spring some three weeks longer than in the southern tier of counties. The many Janesville friends of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson wish them abundant success in their new home."

LONGER TIME IN CAMP

Wisconsin Guard Will Meet Some Radical Changes When in Camp Next Summer—Three Days More.

The boys of Co. L, W. N. G., of this city, will no doubt be interested in learning that it is likely that the Wisconsin National Guard will find some radical changes when they go to Camp Douglas next summer. An effort is being made to have each regiment spend ten days in camp instead of seven as heretofore, giving the boys more practice in the post work and a better idea of life on the field. The seven days spent in camp heretofore were not long enough for the men to become thoroughly accustomed to the work. This move will lengthen out the time actually spent in camp and will give the officers a better chance to get their companies in good shape for drill during the rest of the year.

It is also likely that Krag-Jorgensen rifles will be furnished for range practice for arming the companies. It is also probable that the men will be supplied with rubber blankets, brown canvas uniforms and serviceable shoes. These changes will bring the National Guard pretty near on an army basis.

LATEST SOCIETY EVENTS

Ladies Give Pleasant Reception—Mr. and Mrs. Plugh Celebrate Wedding Anniversary—Other Doings.

Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Plugh were the host and hostess who presided over a very pleasant function at their home on the north side last Thursday evening. The affair was in the nature of the celebration of the twentieth anniversary of their wedded life. There were most enjoyably passed by about forty of their friends in social converse and playing games, which was indulged in till about the hour of eleven, when a dainty spread was served, to which all did ample justice. The guests lingered till about the midnight hour when they dispersed wishing the host and hostess a long lease of life and happiness. Mr. and Mrs. Plugh were the recipients of many handsome gifts, among which were several pretty pieces of china dishes, a modern oak bedroom set and a lovely clock. The guests all speak very highly of the entertainers and their pleasant evening's entertainment.

Mrs. A. D. Daniels, F. L. Hinman and W. B. LaSelle gave a very pleasant reception to their friends last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Daniels. A large number of the ladies of the city were present and enjoyed the occasion immensely. The decorations consisted of carnations, smilax and roses. During the afternoon Misses Ethel LaSelle and Helen Alban favored the company with a number of beautifully rendered songs.

The Married Folks club gave another of their very pleasant dances at the New Grand opera house last Friday night. There was an unusually large attendance and everyone present had a splendid time. The dances of the club are becoming very popular and new members are being added continually. Music last Friday night was furnished by Squier's orchestra.

The Lady Foresters gave a progressive club party at the auditorium of St. Mary's school last Monday evening. A very pleasant time is reported by each and everyone in attendance. Refreshments were served during the evening. A nice little sum was realized by the ladies for their paltry.

THE RURAL MAIL DELIVERY ROUTE.

Postmaster Parker Suspends Work for the Present—He Feels Confident.

The proposed rural mail delivery route upon which Postmaster Parker has been working for several months past, has been pushed by him just as far as it can be for the present. He has stopped procedure in the work for a time, awaiting the completion of the approaches to the new steel bridge across the Wisconsin river. The structure must be completed to permit of the mail messenger making the route. As soon as Mr. Parker is convinced that the bridge will be completed, he will forward the necessary papers to Washington. When this is done, the postal authorities will send a special agent here to look over the proposed route and if he thinks favorable, will recommend establishing the same. It is to be hoped that the efforts of Mr. Parker will prove successful and he seems to feel confident they will.

E. VanRiper has leased the Richard Reed building on Brown street and will occupy the same with his grocery stock. The lease dates from the first of February, but he does not expect to move before the 10th of the month.

NEW NORTH.

BRIDELANDER PAINTING COMPANY
WHINELANDER. WISCONSIN.

J. M. Bell, of the geological survey department, has just returned to Ottawa, after an absence of about 15 months, during which time he traveled across Canada, from the Arctic to the boundary. He saw immense bands of caribou. There must have been, Mr. Bell says, over 20,000 of them in one band. He never saw anything like it.

Feeds are comparatively scarce in Russia, and many well-to-do houses are still unprovided with them. Peasants sleep on the tops of their ovens; middle class people and servants roll themselves up in sheepskins and lie down near stores; soldiers rest upon wooden cots without bedding, and it is only within the last few years that students in schools have been allowed beds.

There are in France—chiefly in Paris—over half a million registered bicycles. In 1894 the number was 232,026 and in 1899 453,414. Each one pays a tax and carries a license. The above number does not include motor cycles and motor cars, which are far more plentiful in France than in England. Motor cycles are to be used by postmen for collecting letters in Paris.

The deaths and injuries from lightning strokes in the United States during the year 1899 just about equaled the casualties among our troops in the Philippines during the same period, including deaths from disease, says the Army and Navy Journal. Five hundred and sixty-two persons were killed and 820 were injured by lightning in this country during the last year.

Many watches make 5 beats per second, 300 each minute, 18,000 every hour, or 432,000 per day. Thus it will be seen that a half dozen turns of the key once a day, taking up four seconds of time, stores up a medium of power in the spring which is cut up into nearly 500,000 beats. If you multiply the daily beats by 365, the number of days in the year, you find that the watch ticks 157,755,000 times while the earth is making one annual trip around the sun.

Consul Hughes, of Coburg, informs the department that the medical faculty of the University of Heidelberg has made an interesting report on the effect of incandescent light (gas or electric) on the eyes. Their verdict, after weighing all the pros and cons of the question, is that incandescent light is not harmful. For lighting large halls or places of entertainment electricity is especially recommended from hygienic points of view.

Prof. Camille Flammarion thinks we can get to talking with the Martians after awhile and he indorses Prof. Schmoil's idea for reproducing an outline of the luminous points of the Great Bear at Bordeaux, Marseilles, Strasbourg, Paris, Amsterdam, Copenhagen and Stockholm. If the Martians respond by tracing an outline of some of the heavenly constellations in points of light on their planet then intercommunication between the planets will have begun.

An Indianapolis paper says that five or six years ago a Bradford man bought an orange tree from a local florist. He placed the tree in the greenhouse of another florist, after a time, and this reason the tree is bearing fruit which has every outward appearance of being lemons, although the pulp is sweet and is evidently orange pulp. The owner of the tree can not account for the change. The oranges formerly on the tree were fine, round fruit, but this year's fruit is oval in shape.

Military authorities in the Philippines have organized a forestry bureau, in charge of Capt. Alern, of the 5th Infantry. Preliminary investigations directed by Capt. Alern have disclosed the existence in the islands of more than 250 tree species, scattered over from 250,000,000 to 400,000,000 acres of public lands. There are valuable hard woods, gum, rubber and gutta percha trees, several kinds of dye woods—in short, everything that could be desired in a timbered region in the tropics.

The superintendent of education for the state of South Carolina shows in his annual report that while more money is appropriated for the education of the whites than for the blacks there are more blacks than whites in attendance at the public schools. There are 155,000 colored children attending the schools for which there was appropriated \$202,171 this being at the rate of \$1.30 a pupil. There are at the schools 126,295 white pupils, for whom there was spent \$700,540, or \$5.54 a pupil.

Hot water quenches thirst in most instances better than cold. Taken regularly at the rate of one glassful half an hour before meals it promotes digestion, and in catarrhal conditions of the stomach it is recommended by physicians. It has also been tried as a remedy for insomnia. Constipation is frequently the result of an inadequate supply of water. One of the reasons people thrive at Hydrus is that besides any medicinal properties the springs may possess, they drink much more water than at home.

HONOR FOR WILLIAM

King Makes Emperor Field Marshal in British Army.

THE GERMAN SOVEREIGN ACCEPTS.

Presented with a Sword by Duke of Connaught—Celebrates His Birthday—Memorial Services for Dead Queen.

Cowes, Isle of Wight, Jan. 28.—Sunday morning Emperor William received from the hand of the duke of Connaught his sword on his appointment as a field marshal of the British army, in the presence of the house, army, of King Edward and the dead queen, as well as a number of British and German naval officers. His majesty has expressed great delight at the appointment. Sunday he celebrated his birthday at Osborne and received congratulations from members of the German embassy in London.

In addition to the sword of a field marshal, King Edward has presented to Emperor William, already a knight of the garter, the insignia of the order in diamonds. The fact that this gift was ordered by the late queen with the intention of presenting it on the Kaiser's birthday gave a pathetic interest to the presentation.

Emperor William, on learning of the king's intention to appoint him a field marshal, sent the following telegram to Lord Salisbury:

"The king, my august uncle, confers upon me the rank of a field marshal in his army and informs me that my appointment will be published on my birthday. I hasten to apprise you of my deep appreciation of so signal a mark of his majesty's affection for me, and I rejoice to think that I shall be numbered among those of the highest rank in his majesty's army."

The emperor sent a fac simile of the dispatch to Lord Roberts. Lord Salisbury replied as follows:

"I beg with most profound respect to tender to your imperial majesty my thanks for your telegram and my sincere congratulations upon the anniversary of your majesty's birthday and upon the appointment to the exalted rank of field marshal, which my august sovereign the king has been pleased to confer upon your imperial majesty; and I am convinced that your acceptance of the rank will give to the nation a gratification to all of the German emperor's robust among us which most impresses the nation. There is not a single Briton but cherishes the hope and the confidence that the close and moving contact into which the emperor and the British people have been brought will result in the absolute removal of a great misunderstanding."

London, Jan. 28.—The Gazette this morning contains the official announcement that Emperor William has been made a field marshal in the British army, his commission being dated January 27.

Given Satisfaction. London, Jan. 28.—All the morning newspapers comment with keen satisfaction upon the exchange of courtesies between King Edward and Emperor William and the telegraphic correspondence between the Kaiser and Lord Salisbury, pointing out that all this will bind more firmly the Anglo-German friendship. The Daily Telegraph says:

"History is being made with lightning speed in these days—days crowded with majestic and epoch-making incidents which can never cease to impress the imagination of the world and perhaps to affect its fortunes. Throughout the rapid course of transforming events it is still the German emperor's robust among us which most impresses the nation. There is not a single Briton but cherishes the hope and the confidence that the close and moving contact into which the emperor and the British people have been brought will result in the absolute removal of a great misunderstanding."

The Emperor's Birthday.

Cowes, Isle of Wight, Jan. 28.—After the memorial service at Whippingham church Sunday Emperor William and the crown prince went direct to the Hohenzollern, receiving a salute of 21 guns. His majesty took luncheon there, the guests including Lord Kintore, Col. Carrington, who is attached to his majesty's staff while in England, the members of the German embassy and others. Crown Prince Frederick William proposed the emperor's health, which was drunk with "cheers." The Kaiser then drank the health of King Edward, the entire company standing. Then his majesty donned the uniform of a British admiral to receive visitors who might call to tender congratulations. Among those who came were King Edward in the uniform of an admiral, the duke of Connaught, Prince Christian and other royal personages, Lord Roberts and Mr. Brodrick, all in full uniforms. The emperor received the king at the gangway. The yacht was rolling heavily, owing to the gale, so that the queen and the royal ladies were prevented from accompanying the king. After tea had been served the royal party returned to Osborne house. Emperor William and the crown prince immediately returning the visit and dining with the king.

Memorial Services. London, Jan. 28.—Sunday throughout the kingdom all places of worship held services in memory of Queen Victoria. At St. Paul's cathedral there was an unusual scene. Before nine o'clock in the morning an enormous crowd, wholly attired in black, streamed from all directions to the vast edifice, and by ten o'clock it was packed. Thousands unable to obtain admission, stood vainly waiting on the steps and around listening to the low organ strains and muffled peal. The service began at half past ten. Most Rev. Frederick Temple, primate and archbishop of Canterbury, preached a most touching sermon.

There was a similar scene at Westminster abbey, where all the services throughout the day were attended by enormous congregations. The large assembly in the chapel royal at St. James palace included Princess Fred-

erick of Harcourt, Princess Frances of Teck, a host of titled people, many members of the cabinet and other distinguished persons.

All the Roman Catholic and foreign churches in England held special services. The members of the French embassy attended the French church; and very elaborate services were held at the chapel of the Russian embassy by command of Emperor Nicholas.

At Cowes.

Cowes, Jan. 28.—Lord Roberts and William St. John Brodrick, secretary of state for war, were present at the morning prayers in Whippingham church at 11 o'clock Sunday. An hour later King Edward, Queen Alexandra and all the royal personages rowed at Osborne arrived at the church for the memorial service. This was a simple function, the hymns being sung by an unsupplied choir of school children. Sir Walter Parratt, private organist to the late queen and organist to St. George's chapel, Royal Windsor, played several funeral excerpts. The bishop of Winchester, who was the preacher for the occasion, delivered an eloquent panegyric upon Victoria and declared that Emperor William's action in coming to her death had touched the hearts of the British people and cemented the unity and friendship of the two kindred nations. At the conclusion of the service all stood during a performance of the "Dead March."

STORIES ARE OVERDRAWN.

Indians Are Restless But General Uprising at Present Time Is Out of Question.

Muskogee, Ind. T., Jan. 26.—That the situation regarding the Creek Indian uprising has been somewhat exaggerated by certain correspondents there can be no doubt. It is true the Indians are restless, but so far no violence has been done and it is questionable if a shot will be fired. However, the Snake band is well organized and if whisky should get among them or some deputy should become indiscreet there might be some trouble.

But a general uprising at the present time is out of the question. The presence of the United States troops at Henrietta is bound to have a good effect, not that they will necessarily be needed to do any actual fighting, but by being there the Indians who have taken Crazy Snake's word as gospel will be convinced that the president of the United States has not given Crazy Snake authority to make Creek laws as he has been claiming.

Bennett says his mission is to fight if necessary, but principally to convince the Indians that Snake has no authority from the federal government to make laws, and that Snake and his followers are violating the laws of the United States when they attempt to enforce the old laws of the Creeks.

Marshal Bennett, Indian Agent J. R. Shoenfeldt and J. W. Zevely, of the interior department, are in constant consultation. All agree in saying that they do not anticipate any serious trouble, but add that they are prepared for any situation that may arise.

Guthrie, O. T., Jan. 28.—Reports received here at the United States marshal's office say that the home of John Bertram, a ranchman living 16 miles east of Bristow, I. T., was burned by belligerent Snake Indians Saturday night. A band of 20 Indians, all drunk, made a demonstration. Bertram ordered the reds away. This enraged the Indians. The land made away and Bertram, fearing violence, moved his family to Bristow. Later his home and all the buildings on the premises were in flames. The report cannot be confirmed. If true, it is the first overt act committed by the Creeks.

Bristow, I. T., Jan. 28.—Maj. C. W. Lile, "Pawnee Bill," with a posse, including Edmund Harry, of the Creek light horsemen, United States marshals Dean, Regan and Churchill and Indian Police Keys, Howell and Saunders, visited the hostile Creek stamping ground, six miles south of this place, at noon Sunday. The Indians were there, holding a big feast, and refused the posse admittance, and declined to confer with them in any manner. Many of the full bloods who have been in the habit of wearing white man's apparel, were dressed in full Indian regalia.

Verdi's Death.

Milan, Jan. 28.—Although preceded by a struggle for life that lasted two days, Verdi's death, when it came, was peaceful. He did not regain consciousness. When he passed away he was surrounded by relatives and intimate friends. The announcement of his death created great emotion. Theaters, pleasure resorts and many stores were closed, and nearly all the prominent residences were draped. In his will Verdi asks that the funeral may be "very modest." He suggests that it take place at either daybreak or twilight, and that the ceremony be without music. "The chanting of two priests, two candles and a cross will suffice," he wrote. Many legacies were left to friends. The date of the funeral has not been fixed, but it will probably be Wednesday or Thursday. The interment will be in the chapel of the Refectory for Indigent Musicians, which Verdi established.

Three Children Cremated.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 28.—The three children of S. R. McCarthy, a janitor at a downtown office building, were cremated early in the day in a fire that destroyed their home in an eastern suburb of the city. They were Edith, aged 18 years; Melissa, 14, and Kenneth, 10.

Elected President.

Milwaukee, Jan. 28.—George P. Gulbins, of Chicago, was elected president of the Bricklayers' and Masons' International Union of America at Saturday's session, defeating William Klein, of New York, by a majority of 33 votes.

A DARING ROBBERY.

Thieves Plunder the Revenue Office at Peoria, Ill.

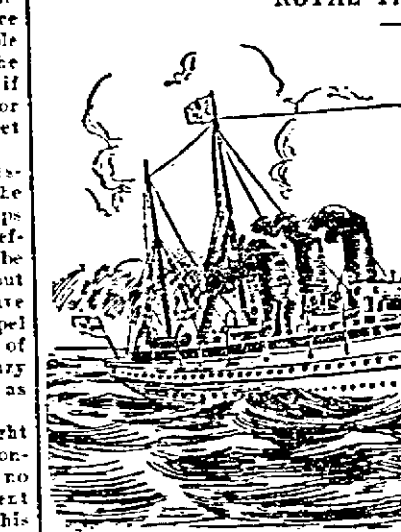
EXPERISSECUREXTRANCE TO VAULT

They Escape with War Revenue Stamps to the Value of Over \$31,000.—No Clue to the Perpetrators.

Peoria, Ill., Jan. 28.—The safe in the internal revenue office here, the largest district in the country, was forced by robbers Friday night, and stamps to the value of more than \$30,000 stolen. "The loss is somewhere between \$20,000 and \$25,000 in adhesive stamps, but I cannot tell just the amount until the stock has been inventoried," said W. J. Steube, the cashier of the internal revenue office. The exact loss was later ascertained to be \$31,976.15.

Some time between the closing of the office early Friday evening and its opening for business Saturday morning the vault was drilled open and all the proprietary and documentary war revenue stamps taken. The supply was somewhat above the average, for a fresh invoice had been received only a few days ago from Washington. The robbers showed that they were experts in the stamp business, for they did not disturb any of the cigars, beer or whisky stamps, taking only such of the stock as was of a negotiable nature. A few thousand dollars of valuable papers, but which are not negotiable, the property of the employees of the of-

ROYAL YACHT ALBERTA.



Queen Victoria's Body Will Be Conveyed from Cowes to Portsmouth in the Pleasure Boat Recently Completed for Her.

ice, were taken. The safe was closed on instructions from Washington, and will not be opened until the proper representative arrives.

Acting Collector W. T. Murray, who was appointed only Friday; J. W. McGinnis, special revenue agent, who was sent here from Chicago, the deputy United States marshal and a number of employees of the department here are at the office making a thorough investigation. The city police department and the marshal's office worked all day without discovering any clue, and the authorities are not disposed to discuss the robbery, which is the heaviest ever occurring in this city.

The burglars displayed the greatest system all through their work. There were several route agents asleep on the fourth floor of the building, two mail clerks at work on the first floor, and a night watchman supposed to make the rounds of the building. In spite of all this the thieves silently entered the corridor, went over a transom, and on the third attempt to open the safe by means of a drill were successful.

There is considerable speculation as to who will be the loser by the robbery. It is the general opinion of those best versed in the revenue laws that Mr. Daugherty, through his bookkeepers, must stand the first loss, but that the government will eventually recompense him.

Killed by Moonshiners.

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 28.—A dispatch from Jackson, Ky., to the Morning Herald states that in a bloody battle with moonshiners on Elkhorn creek on the Letcher and Pike county line United States Marshal Tom Hollifield and posseman Simon Combs were killed and Elaine Combs was captured by the moonshiners. Rufus Wootan and Ambrose Amburgy, other members of the posse, were shot and wounded. Full details of the battle were not obtainable. Hollifield had long been a terror to moonshiners and was one of the bravest men in the service.

Stepped on a Match.

Cheboygan, Mich., Jan. 28.—Fire Saturday afternoon destroyed several business houses entailing a total loss of over \$45,000. Among the heaviest losers are: Glover's dry goods house, \$10,000; Kramer's clothing store, \$20,000; and the Fair, \$15,000. Besides these, a number of smaller buildings were destroyed, causing an additional loss of about \$3,000. The fire was started by a woman clerk in one of the stores stepping on a match, which ignited a bale of cotton batting. The heaviest losers were all partly insured.

Freight Depot Burned.

Colorado Springs, Col., Jan. 28.—The Denver & Rio Grande Railroad company's new freight depot was destroyed by fire Saturday morning. Night Watchman Wells lost his life in fighting the fire. It is believed the total damage will amount to more than \$100,000.

WANT MORE PAY.

Mine Workers Preparing to Make a Demand for an Increase in Wages.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 28.—The demand to be made by the delegates to the national convention of the United Mine Workers of America at the joint conference with the delegates from the Interstate Operators' association, to be held in Columbus, O., beginning Thursday of next week, were outlined at an executive session held in Tomlinson hall Saturday. These demands will include first an absolute single-standard or run-of-mine basis to cover the entire competitive field composed of Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and Pennsylvania. To this will be added a demand for a general advance of ten cents per ton over the present mine-run prices in the different districts. In Indiana this will mean, if the operators accede to the proposition to be presented to them, a straight mining price of 25 cents in the bituminous districts. The mining price of mine-run coal differs in the various fields, and is calculated upon the percentage of slack contained in the coal. This is higher in Indiana and Illinois than in the other states. A scale of prices for outside and inside day labor will be fixed at the joint conference, and will obtain in all of the districts of the competitive field. This, it is believed, will be based upon the price paid at present in Illinois, which is conceded to be from ten to fifteen per cent. higher than in the other states. Hereafter the different localities have fixed the scale for mine laborers. It is proposed to cover in the present scale a wage rate for all classes of labor employed in and about the mines. Delegates preserve a discreet silence about

THOUSANDS PERISH.

Victims of Famine in the Chinese Province of Shantung—Derece Against Discrimination.

Peking, Jan. 28.—There has been great distress in the province of Shantung owing to the famine, and thousands have died. The court has ordered rice relief to be issued in large quantities. A report reached the foreign envoys that native Christians suffering from the famine were to be discriminated against and to be punished if they even begged for food. Mr. Conger, Sir Ernest M. Satow and M. Pichon, the United States, British and French ministers, protested to Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang against such discrimination and the court issued an edict ordering all relief officials and Chinese soldiers to treat Christians exactly the same as others throughout the empire under penalty of decapitation. The foreign envoys consider this a most important decree if it is carried out.

Court Investigation.

Annapolis, Md., Jan. 28.—When the naval cadets heard of Representative Sherman's resolution to investigate the navy they appeared very much pleased. They said they would be delighted with an investigation, as they had nothing to fear from it and it would give them a little excitement.

Bank Failure.

Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 28.—The Josiah Morris bank, one of the oldest private banking institutions in the state, closed its doors Saturday morning. The assets and liabilities are not known. The capital stock of the bank is \$100,000.

Cannot Hold Office.

Manila, Jan. 28.—The Philippine commission has passed the act declaring persons in arms against United States authority or aiding and abetting the insurgents after March next ineligible to hold office.

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LEO'S LAST LETTER.

The Pope Issues an Encyclical on Socialism.

A STRONG WARNING TO CATHOLICS.

Danger of Revolutionary Movement Is Pointed Out—Men Are Enjoined to Respect Civil Law and Rights of Others.

Rome, Jan. 28.—The pope's encyclical on socialism was issued Friday. It is dated January 15 and says a distinction must be carefully drawn between socialism and the movement among Catholics referred to in his previous encyclicals on social questions, which is called Christian democracy. The first only concerns itself with material wealth and social equality, whereas Christian democracy, while seeking material amelioration, has spiritual amelioration in view.

The pontiff concludes with exhorting Catholics to inspire themselves with these principles and to inculcate them. They must urge the people and workmen to shun everything invested with a religious or revolutionary character, respect the rights of others, be respectful to their masters and observe sobriety and religious practices. Thus will social peace again become flourishing throughout the world.

The pope commences with recalling his two previous encyclicals on social questions, quod apostolicis numeris et rerum novarum, and says the sequel of these encyclicals was that the Catholics devoted all their activity to social works, in order to help the working classes. The pontiff here reviews all that has been done in this direction, the foundation of labor bureaus, funds established for the benefit of the rural classes and workmen's associations of all kinds. He considers the appellation "Christian socialism" incorrect and says Catholics who occupy themselves with social questions are sometimes also called "Christian democrats." But even this quotation is attacked by some people as being ill-sounding.

Distinction Must Be Drawn.

Divergences having arisen therefrom, the pope ardently desires to eliminate them. Careful distinction must be drawn between socialism and Christian democracy. The first concerns itself solely with material possessions, always seeking to establish perfect equality and a common holding of goods. Christian democracy, on the contrary, respects the principles of divine law, and while seeking material amelioration has in view the spiritual welfare of the people. Christian democracy, moreover, must not be confounded with political democracy, for the first can, and ought to, subsist, as does the church herself, under the most varied political regimes. Christian democracy also ought to respect the laws of legitimate civil authority. The appellation "Christian democracy" therefore contains nothing which might offend anyone. These divergences having now been dispelled, Catholics should continue to devote their cares to social questions and the amelioration of the lot of the working classes. The pope encourages the zeal and action of those Catholics who consecrate themselves to this eminently useful work.

Commends Giving of Alms.

The encyclical eulogizes the giving of alms, which the socialists wrongly regard as insulting to the poor. Alms, on the contrary, serve to tighten the ties of social charity. It matters little whether this action of Catholics in favor of the working classes is called the social action of Catholics or Christian democracy. The essential point is that Catholics should act together to preserve the community of effort and sentiment. Idle, useless questions ought therefore never to be brought up in the press or public assemblies. Catholics must act so as not to engage in disputes.

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WISCONSIN STATE NEWS.

Gets a Divorce.
Judge B. F. Dunwiddie granted a divorce in Janesville to Peter L. Myers from Jessie A. Myers on the ground of cruel and inhuman treatment. They were married in Chicago five years ago. The defendant is the daughter of the late Robert McMillan, the millionaire lumberman of Oshkosh, and this is the third time she has been divorced. She secured the other two for non-support. Mr. Myers is the manager of the Myers Grand opera house.

Try to Wreck a Train.
A bold attempt was made to wreck a west-bound passenger train on the Milwaukee road at Burlington. A 600-pound rail had been placed across the track at the west end of the bridge crossing the Pecatonica river. Had the rail been placed at the east end of the bridge it would have precipitated the train into the river. As it was no harm was done. Four traps were held on suspicion.

Dynamite a Church.
An attempt was made to blow up with dynamite the First Methodist church, an imposing structure in Highland Center. All the windows on one side were blown in. About two square feet of the foundation was also blown in. The windows demolished are memorial ones and cannot be replaced. The motive for the crime can only be imagined.

New Sheriff Surprised.
Sheriff N. Porter, who assumed the office in Oshkosh January 8, has discovered he is shy one prisoner. William Mead, who was sentenced last November for attempted robbery. Former Sheriff White says the man escaped while working on the woodpile and he canceled his name on the books. Mead had several months yet to serve.

A Good Showing.
The twentieth annual report of the Deloit savings bank shows that the deposits amount to \$335,562.02, an increase of \$33,816.02 during the year. Since its organization this bank has paid to its depositors in semiannual dividends \$95,891.17. This is the only savings bank in the state.

Used Knife and Razor.
Mrs. Charles Fishbeck committed suicide in Eureka by slashing her throat with a butcher knife and a razor. Her husband, who is a well-known river captain, found her dead on the kitchen floor when he returned from down. It is thought she was demented.

The News Condensed.
Sara B. Sanderson was found not guilty in Milwaukee of conspiring to abduct his wife. Sanderson returned to his home in Menominee, Mich. Mrs. Sanderson will continue to reside in Milwaukee.

The seventeenth annual convention of the Wisconsin Deekers' association will be held in Madison February 5 and 6.

Lewis H. Smith died of pneumonia at his home in Arlington, aged 65. He leaves a wife, two sons and two daughters. Mr. Smith was a member of the assembly of 1891.

An additional rural free delivery service has been ordered at Elroy, Juneau county, with a route eight miles long, covering an area of 61 square miles and serving a population of 981 people.

Thomas M. Leach was found dead in his store in Waupun, aged 65, asphyxiated by gas escaping from a coal stove. S. P. Gage, conductor on the Green Bay & Western, fell between cars at Arcadia, and was instantly killed. His home was in Winona, where a wife and child survive him.

It is reported that the Howe Scale company will establish a factory in La Crosse for its western trade.

The big barn of the Wisconsin Lakes Ice company in Milwaukee was burned and 20 horses perished in the flames.

While working in the woods near Cedar, Herman Sempt, of Glenwood, was killed by a falling tree. Sempt was well known as a ball player.

Seven women were injured in an accident which occurred to a sleighing party in Marinette. While going at full speed the sleigh tipped over and all were thrown out.

Ade Guyon, the 16-year-old girl who mysteriously disappeared from her home in Chippewa Falls on December 8, was found at Cadott.

William Stout, a well-known character, whose home was in the town of Bloom, was shot and killed by Frank Kolash in the latter's saloon at Yuba.

The Parkhurst house in Durand was burned, the loss being estimated at \$25,500.

Fire in the Eagle horsehoe works in South Milwaukee destroyed the nine-inch mill, 16-inch mill, office and cooper shop. The loss is estimated at \$125,000.

Wisconsin and Deloit will play five games of baseball in May, as follows: May 1, at Deloit; May 8, at Madison; May 15, at Deloit; May 18, at Madison; and May 20, at Janesville.

George Seymour, of De Pere, has been sentenced to 60 days in the workhouse for placing a buggy on the Northwestern tracks on Halloween to fool the engineer.

The Smith-Bassford company's mercantile establishment in Sturgeon Bay was destroyed by fire, the loss being \$23,000; insured for \$17,000.

The Portage free public library has been opened.

Nels C. Sorenson, aged 49, one of the best-known Danes of Racine, died at St. Mary's hospital from the result of injuries sustained in a runaway accident.

Marion H. Wilgus, one of the pioneers in the coverage business in Wisconsin, but for a number of years engaged as an insurance agent, died in Sheboygan, aged 63.

CURRENT EVENTS.

Nineteen Dowle lace makers were permitted to land at Boston. Thieves robbed the county treasurer's office at Joliet, Ill., of \$1,000. A Wisconsin judge declared the use of electric light and gas for a divorce. The queen's death has changed the plans for opening of the Canadian parliament. The Illinois Central road has added \$500,000 to its capital stock for new equipment. W. J. Allen, United States judge for the northern district of Illinois, died at Hot Springs, Ark. Railroads reduced east-bound rates on flour and provisions for export because of rate-cutting.

The death of Queen Victoria will change the center of the dominating force among the great powers of Europe. Curtis L. Crane, of Brookline, Mass., was killed while boxing with George R. Alasworth, his chum, at Harvard. The procedure at the accession of Edward VII. was conducted according to instructions prepared by Queen Victoria. An explosion of molten copper at the works of the Baltimore Copper Rolling and Rolling company resulted in fatal injuries to Charles M. Mack, Patrick Downey, Timothy Chisham and Frank Martin. Sheriff James Summers, of Madison county, Montana, was shot and killed near Virginia City by John Woolf, 15 years old, whom he was trying to arrest. Two posers are hunting for Woolf, and he may be lynched.

The Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph is authority for the denial of the story that the Carnegie interests have acquired control of the Pressed Steel Car company. The two companies, it says, however, work closely together.

BOERS CAPTURE A TRAIN.

Make Soldiers on Board Prisoners, and Take Possession of Military Stores.

Kimberley, Jan. 25.—A train with troops and military stores on board was waylaid and captured by the Boers at Slijplip, near Fourteen Streams (north of Kimberley), this morning. The republicans captured a small post of Dublin soldiers, then blew up a culvert and waited for the train. An armored train has gone in pursuit of the Boers.

Cape Town, Jan. 25.—Twenty Cape police surrendered to the Boers at Desondale, north of Vryburg, January 21, without firing a shot.

It is reported that Gen. Prinsloo was wounded in the fighting of January 16. It is reported from Standerton that the Boers Saturday blew up a culvert near Graylingstad. De Wet is said to be in this district, and is said to be supplied with dynamite. From Clanwilliam, Cape Colony, comes the news that the Boer invaders are roaming over the country between Calvinia and Lambertia bay.

Pretoria, Jan. 25.—The burghers' peace committee has sent to Louis Botha, commander in chief of the Boer forces, to ascertain if he will receive delegates to discuss the question of peace. The Boers have summarily expelled all the British, numbering 70, from Patersburg, giving no reason for doing so. The refugees have arrived here.

London, Jan. 25.—The war office has received from the commander-in-chief in South Africa a dispatch dated Pretoria, January 26, reporting numerous engagements, the following being the most important:

"Cunningham was engaged at Middlefontein and Kopperton, respectively, the latter's force, 1,000 men, while moving north from Ventersburg, threatened the enemy's flank, whereupon the Boers retired west. Cunningham's casualties were two officers wounded, four men killed and 21 wounded. In the engagement at Lichtenburg, January 17, some 500 men were captured. These have since been released, with the exception of a major and three men. No details are yet at hand. Smith-Dorrien had a successful engagement of five hours with the march from Wenterfontein to Carolina, where the Boers had lately been concentrating. The enemy was in considerable strength and held the river, but was driven out. Our losses were one officer killed and two officers and 13 men wounded."

New York, Jan. 25.—The British army officers of the remount department arrived on the Cunard steamship Etruria Sunday en route for New Orleans, where each will take command of a different steamship, having on board about 1,500 horses and mules, which Col. Deburgh has been buying in Kansas for remounts in South Africa. Altogether about 50,000 American animals have been purchased for the British army in Africa.

SEEK TO RUSH THE BILL.

Resolution in House Provides for Disposition of Hill Bill After Two Days' Debate.

Washington, Jan. 25.—Chairman Southard, of the house committee on coinage, Saturday introduced a resolution making the Hill bill for establishing the parity between the silver dollar and gold a special order in the house with two days for debate. The resolution goes to the committee on rules, which will determine whether the measure is to be brought to the front as a special order. Before this is done the advocates of the measure will canvass the sentiment of senators with a view to assuring Speaker Henderson that the consideration given to the measure in the house will not be fruitless.

Washington, Jan. 25.—The house committee on banking and currency Saturday voted 6 to 4 in favor of reporting the Overstreet bill maintaining at all times the parity of the standard silver dollar with gold. Two Democrats, Driggs of New York and Thayer of Massachusetts, voted with the republicans in favor of the bill.

Starved Himself to Death.

Peoria, Ill., Jan. 25.—The dead body of Jacob Kuntz, a hermit, was found in a miserable cabin some miles north of this city Sunday. The body was clad in rags and on his person was \$436 in money and a deed to 50 acres of valuable land. The coroner's verdict showed that he had literally starved himself to death.

WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE.

Summary of the Business Transacted Daily in Both the Senate and Assembly.

Madison, Wis., Jan. 25.—A move toward the establishment of a state printing office and the abrogation of the present scheme of letting the state printing by contract was made in the senate last evening by Senator Mills in a joint resolution directing the printing committee to investigate and report on the subject. The resolution states that the state is paid annually for public printing in Wisconsin. Bills have been introduced providing for biennial municipal elections; relating to standard fire insurance policy; appropriating \$12,500 for the state geological survey.

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Madison, Wis., Jan. 25.—Senator McGillivray introduced a bill in the senate yesterday permitting any ecclesiastic or appointee of any bishop to perform marriages while serving as the regular minister of a church. He also introduced a bill providing for side paths for bicycles, the appointment of commissioners and licensing of bicycles; also a constitutional amendment authorizing the state to assist in road improvement. It was passed by the last legislature, and if it passes this time will be submitted to the vote of the people.

Madison, Wis., Jan. 25.—In the senate the president was authorized by a motion from Senator McGillivray to appoint the three new members of the apportionment committee, and he appointed Senators Whitehead of the First congressional district, Munson of the Third and Weed of the Sixth. The following bills were introduced: Amending the statutes relating to damages from defective highways; authorizing cities to give bonuses to factories; providing for the reconstruction of levees on the Wisconsin river at Portage; relating to the refunding of municipalities; relating to negotiable instruments.

Madison, Wis., Jan. 25.—Five important appointments were sent to the senate by Gov. J. A. Follette yesterday as follows: Nils P. Haugen, of Black River Falls, to be a member of the state tax commission in place of Col. W. J. Anderson; E. R. Bairdman, of Oshkosh, to be joint general assessor; Judge Norman L. Gilson to be state tax commissioner in place of Michael Griffin, deceased; Judge William P. Lyon to be a member of the state board of control; reappointed; Halford P. Erickson to be commissioner of labor statistics; reappointed; H. A. Adams to be state dairy and food commissioner for the residue of the present term and for the full term ending February 15, 1902, reappointed.

Madison, Wis., Jan. 25.—A bill was introduced in the assembly yesterday to reduce railroad fare from three to two cents a mile, and another fixing the rate at two cents a mile regardless of the amount the road earns. Mr. Hall offered a joint resolution providing for the amendment of section 2, article 2, of the constitution of the state of Wisconsin so as to make it possible for the introduction of voting machines.

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Madison, Wis., Jan. 25.—The Overbeck anti-cigarette bill, which absolutely prohibits the sale of cigarettes or cigarette papers in Wisconsin, passed the assembly yesterday under suspension of the rules, with only a few scattering nays in opposition. Bills have been introduced fixing the standard accident insurance policy; amending laws relative to collection of damages for injuries caused by defective bridges; requiring state board of agriculture to make annual reports instead of biennial; amending criminal laws so that attempt to commit felonies are punishable by same sentence as crime itself; authorizing cities of first and second class to acquire land outside of cities for the establishment of a committee on forestry and lumber. The house concurred in the report and Messrs. Erickson, Whitson, Young, McGill and Maherty were appointed the committee.

Madison, Wis., Jan. 25.—An anti-trust bill was introduced in the assembly yesterday by Eugene E. Lennox, of Superior. It provides that any person attempting to monopolize, hinder or embarrass trade or commerce shall be liable to the person injured thereby for treble all damages he may suffer, and to such exemplary damages as the jury may impose, and also liable to a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$100. Mr. Norton introduced a bill providing that all unmarried women over 20 years of age must pay an annual tax of \$10. The bill reads exactly the same as the bachelor bill, except that the word female is substituted in the measure for male.

Ask Protection from Floods.

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Noted Lawyer Dead.

Milwaukee, Jan. 25.—Judge H. N. Austin, for half a century a resident of this city, died Friday evening, aged 79 years. Judge Austin was well known in the law profession throughout the state. He was city attorney in 1879, and later judge of the superior court and court commissioner.

HERE AND THERE.

The postal deficit in Canada last year was \$161,000.

The new French stamps are subjected to much unfavorable criticism in France.

In Tartary, onions, leeks and garlic are regarded as perfumes. A Tartar lady will make herself agreeable by rubbing a piece of freshly-cut onion on her hands and over her countenance.

During 1899 Spain bought 47 ships in England.

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

"Who carried off the honors of the opera and in what part?" "The treasurer in the box office."—Denver News. Gerald—"I know that I am not worthy of you, but—" Geraldine—"You can't get out of it that way."—Town Topics. "It maw latches us wot'll she do?" "Well, you bet she won't use none of that moral suasion wot we used to have at kindergarten."—Indianapolis News.

It Works Both Ways.—"The vulgarity of wealthy people is so much more noticeable than that of poorer ones." "Yes. And at the same time it's so much more endurable."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

First Boy—"I've got to take a lickin' when I get home to-night." Second Boy—"Father or mother?" First Boy—"Mother." Second Boy—"Oh, well, that won't amount to much!"—Somerville Journal.

"My wife told me this morning that she must have a new bonnet," said Mr. Northside, gloomily. "You are well off," replied Mr. Shadyside. "My wife told me last night that she had ordered two."—Pittsburgh Chronicle.

The Leading Lady.—"Clara says you have given her the leading part in your amateur play." "That's where we fooled her. She leads off with a feather duster and a few words, and then doesn't have another thing to do."—Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

Insurmountable.—Wynn—"I seem to have the worst luck in the way of getting my feet stumbled over in street cars." Tuther—"It's their size. I guess. People don't stumble over mine." Wynn—"Just run against them, do they?"—Indianapolis Press.

STUFFED PETS.

A New York Taxidermist Says Women Take a Melancholy Pleasure in Them.

"Women take a melancholy pleasure in stuffed pets," said a well-known taxidermist to a New York World reporter. "There is a sort of tender, gruesome sentiment about it that pleases them. My principal customers are for this reason women."

"They bring me dead dogs, dead cats, dead birds, and the other day one came in with a little fish out of her aquarium that had come to an untimely end. The queerest order I ever had was to fix up a pet mouse that had died from too much cheese."

"I mount more canary birds than any other pets. They look picturesquely pretty on the mantel. 'I always have my pets stuffed after they die,' one woman explained, 'because then I can talk to them just the same.'"

"The taxidermist, to be successful, must be an artist. He must study live animals, familiarize himself with their pose, the droop of the head, and make the poor dead thing look natural."

"That doesn't look like my Neddie," said one of my customers, when I had mounted a white Java sparrow for her. 'It might just as well be any other sparrow. Why, Neddie had a way of tucking down his head in the cutest way whenever you looked at him. He never threw it back like this.'"

"And that one little gesture was the keynote to the individuality of her bird—the one thing in which it differed from all others."

"Men are different. It's trophies of the chase they bring to me; sometimes the skin of a handsome dog, from practical, not sentimental reasons. You can't get a woman to look at a dead pet from a utilitarian standpoint."

"One man came to me one day in great disgust."

"My wife brought the corpse of a parrot yesterday," he said. "Now I've been pestered with that blooming bird for five years, and I don't want it standing around dead, staring at me in triumph. I'll give you \$10 just to lose it. When she comes back, say it flew away, or the rats got it."

"One little girl crept timidly in here one day with a wee kitten in her hands."

"I want it fixed up so I can keep it always," she whispered. 'I guess I squeezed it to death. I loved it so hard, so won't you put sawdust in it so I can hug it all I want to? I like it better than a doll.'"

Iron Melted in Five Seconds.

A European inventor recently performed a remarkable experiment in the laboratory of Thomas A. Edison at Orange, N. J. He placed a cup half-full of chemical in a crucible and covered it with a small quantity of powdered aluminum. He then placed an iron wrench about half an inch thick and six inches long in the crucible. Touching a match to the compound the mixture blazed furiously, and in five seconds the iron wrench was melted. It was estimated that the heat evolved in the process was 2,000 degrees centigrade, hitherto considered impossible to reach. The inventor keeps the nature of his chemical compound a secret.—Science.

Fertilizing Swamp Lands.

A number of British cities lease for a long time or purchase outright hundreds of acres of bog land or other waste land for the use of the city. Glasgow has about 500 acres to employ. The city garbage is used for filling in and for fertilizing purposes. In the course of a few years many acres of land are redeemed and made to blossom as the rose. Hay, oats, potatoes and other vegetables are raised and turned toward the support of the department. These municipal farms are located from 2 to 15 miles from the city. The transfer of the refuse to the farms is made by the railway.—N. Y. Times.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured.

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness caused by catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

Sold by J. C. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

A Completed Job.

Hicks—When I asked him to Paris a year ago he told me he was going to be a finished artist. How is he getting on? Wicks—He's quit. The committee of the salon rejected his masterpiece and that finished him.—Somerville Journal.

Try Grain-O! Try Grain-O!

Ask your grocer to-day to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it, like it. GRAIN-O has that rich, real flavor of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. The price of coffee, 15c. and 25c. per package. Sold by all grocers.

Don't talk. There is no truth in the world so apparent that some one will not disagree with you.—Athenian Globe.

It requires no experience to dye with LUTHER PATTERSON'S DYE. Simply boiling your goods in the dye is all that's necessary. Sold by all druggists.

The average man isn't willing to admit that he has enough until he gets too much.—Chicago Daily News.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is an infallible medicine for coughs and colds.—N. W. Samuel, Ocean Grove, N. J., Feb. 17, 1900.

If you have kept a secret, the time always comes when you will be proud of your self.—Athenian Globe.

A CRY FOR HELP.

Result of a Prompt Reply.—Two Letters from Mrs. Watson, Published by Special Permission.—For Women's Eyes Only.

March 15, 1899.

TO MRS. PINKHAM, LYNN, MASS.:

"DEAR MADAM:—I am suffering from inflammation of the ovaries and womb, and have been for eighteen months. I have a continual pain and soreness in my back and side. I am only free from pain when lying down, or sitting in an easy chair. When I stand I suffer with severe pain in my side and back. I believe my troubles were caused by over work and lifting some years ago."

"Life is a drag to me, and I sometimes feel like giving up ever being a well woman; have become careless and unconcerned about everything. I am in bed now. I have had several doctors, but they did me but little good."

"Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has been recommended to me by a friend, and I have made up my mind to give it a fair trial."

"I write this letter with the hope of hearing from you in regard to my case."—Mrs. S. J. Watson, Hampton, Va.



November 27, 1899.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I feel it my duty to acknowledge to you the benefit that your advice and Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound have done for me."

"I had been suffering with female troubles for some time, could walk but a short distance, had terrible bearing down pains in lower part of my bowels, backache, and pain in ovary. I used your medicine for four months and was so much better that I could walk three times the distance that I could before."

"I am to-day in better health than I have been for more than two years, and I know it is all due to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."

"I recommend your advice and medicine to all women who suffer."

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This is positive proof that Mrs. Pinkham is more competent to advise sick women than any other person. Write her. It costs you nothing.

\$5000 REWARD.—We have deposited with the National City Bank of Lynn, \$5000, which will be paid to any person who can furnish the name of a person who has used our medicine, or who has been cured by it. LYDIA E. PINKHAM MEDICINE CO.

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City and County Happenings.

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Mrs. D. R. Thomson has been having a severe attack of the grip.

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WANTED—Girl for general house work wanted at once. Inquire of A. S. Pierce.

Exchanges continue to come bearing the intelligence (?) that "the queen is dead."

A chimney fire at the Howard residence in the Sixth ward last evening called out the fire department.

The weather the past few days has been just to the liking of the farmers and they are taking advantage of it, too.

The ladies of the Congregational A.M. society will entertain at the home of Mrs. A. W. Brown on Wednesday, Feb. 6.

The members of the Women's club will hold their annual luncheon next Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. W. Brown.

Walter Schlessmann has been confined to his home the past week, suffering with erysipelas. A "well" time, thinks Walter.

J. A. Cushman recently sold the home residence property to Thos. O'Hara. The property is located near the hospital. The consideration was \$750.

The Peterkranz are arranging for another big masquerade ball on Monday night, February 18. We are informed that they will give out \$25 in prizes.

Lost.—A ladies' black rubber foot last Saturday night somewhere between the Catholic church and Cusack's store. Finder please leave at this office.

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James Gray, of Bismarck, is spending a few days in the city with his brother, J. M. Gray. He has been employed at the city for several months.—Stevens Point Journal.

Pete Brown has been having quite a hassle with the gridders, having been confined to his bed several days during the past week. The gridders say he will take to his bed.

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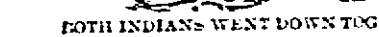
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THE STORY TELLER

† "LITTLE BAT" and the Sibley Fight

When he saw the telegram in newspaper the other day relating the tragedy at Crawford, Neb., sounded "taps" for Baptiste Gaudin better known as the famous



"I waited until I saw them trail. Immediately the discom-pan circled his horse and blanket, and about to mind every Indian in that section white men were somewhere thought we might possibly from them by getting up mountains. I told that to with the men as fast as he idea being to get beyond. Twin creek trail crossed our mountains. Knowing that it would naturally make a run off at that point. I suppose the hills rather fast, for a got tired waiting at the trail and went back for the soldiers."

"We got to the timber at ten o'clock in the morning, and we did not fire shot until three o'clock in the afternoon. Every man had his tree, and stuck it closer than a brother. He was in the day a leather-lunged and yelled at me that he knew I had and I was there, and they were going to have great fun with us—particular me. I knew what that meant with the map, so I told every soldier to save good cartridge for himself before rendering to the fiendish tortures the Sioux have very original method of making a man die by the most comfortable process possible.

"It was a mile from where we our stand to the main fork of Tongue river, and the woods were of terrible windfalls and it was fully hard travelling. The first day the men had to simply cut their way through the timber at very low. The savages had a comparatively thin line at our rear, knew the character of the country, thought we would be helpless with our horses.

a daylight fell in with a party of the Second cavalry, went back over the trail and two of our exhausted soldiers given up. We had been on fire nearly ten hours, had to wade over a terribly rough country, and during all that time we did not enjoy the luxury of a single meal. When the Indians sighted us we were forced to abandon our hope and our ammunition never lost a man.

"Poor little Bat! He would lead. Just to think of it! He snuffed out as the result of a misdeal in a miserable saloon."

The speaker cast aside the cigar and said: "Where do you think I could find John Finn now?"—Chicago Daily Record.

Her Way.

A Glasgow servant girl was a few evenings ago with her hair wrapped up in a shawl. Her young mistress asked her, and was told that she was suffering from a bad attack of rheumatism, brought on by sitting in the park.

"But you ought not to sit in a cold, chilly night as this," said the mistress. "You should wear a smart pace."

The girl looked at her a little, though pitying her ignorance, and then answered:

"You canna coast right, miss, you must sit down."—*London Memento.*

A WOMAN HOME

WELL-MANNERED PEOPLE.

Good manners are more important

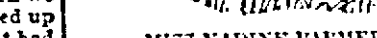
ready to listen as to be heard. They neither impatient to interrupt or not uneasy when interrupted by themselves. Knowing that their anecdote or sharp replies will keep, or need find utterance at all, they give no attention to their companion, and direct by their looks show that they concern him a bore. Another rule observes every good-mannered person, be that he should not be impatient to hear in his word, is that a few brilliant flashes of silence should occur in conversation. Another rule is not to select self to talk aloud. It must be born in mind that as a rule we and our companions are of no more importance to us than they and their concerns are to us. Why, then, should we go over the details of our lives generally, and our cases in particular, to company strangers? Why should we rehearse hardships we have suffered in our matters, in love, or our domestic troubles, or why should we boast of success? It is unnecessary to that gossip or scandal-bearing is compatible with good bearing. "In seasons of silence," says Bishop Lee "are obvious; mainly, when we have nothing to say, or nothing but a better unsaid. If we must speak to fellow-beings let it be of good, and have naught but bad to say, do better not speak at all."—S. S. Times.

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married Count Dönhoff.

of some note. At Dresden she first met her present husband, a simple baron, attached to the hof's staff. Domestic unhappiness and she took up her abode in the Italian embassy in which her stepfather then was but a short time after her husband died and she became Count Enlow, who had by then attained considerable distinction as a diplomat. His rise was rapid. He stands at the right hand of the emperor, while his beautiful wife is the first lady of the land.

During the year ending 1900 Jasper court, Missouri, had lead worth \$3,359,622.

CAUGHT BY THE GRIP.

Released by Pe-ru-na---Congressman
Howard's Recovery---Congressman
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the original French term, *la grippe*, has been shortened by the busy American to read

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Congressman Howard's Letter.

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PEOPLE OF OUR OWN TIME.

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The King of Saxony is one of the most approachable of European sovereigns.

With the recent death of Edgar Brehm, the youngest son of the famous naturalist, the family has become extinct. Brehm was 65 years old.

The late Philip D. Armour once said: "I am no talker. I made my fortune by learning to keep my mouth shut. When the teeth are shut the tongue is at home."

LIEUT. MABEL C. HUNT.

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Two Dinners at Pennington's

By Mrs. Moses P. Handy.

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ALBERT WHITNEY knew that he could not marry. He was a scrawny fellow, on the whole, and realized that it would be sheer idiocy to ask a woman to share his hall bedroom.

Yet Albert was in love. Every Sunday in church he sat opposite Miss Gladys Pennington, and thought of her far more than he did of the sermon.

Miss Pennington's father was a retired carpet manufacturer, with a tidy fortune, to which Gladys and her brother James were sole heirs.

Albert was a clerk in a wholesale hardware store and, by hard labor, earned ten dollars a week. Of this five dollars went to his landlady.

The moth sighed for the star, and Albert sighed for Miss Pennington. The moth and the star were hardly further apart than Albert Whitney and Gladys Pennington. Albert had never spoken to her; she barely knew that he existed.

What, then, were Albert's feelings when, one day, after church, Mr. Amos Pennington pompously approached him and invited him to dine at his house on the following Sunday? He blushed like a girl, and stammered out an acceptance. Fortunately, Mr. Pennington did not wait for more. The invitation which meant so much for Albert to him meant only the discharge of a rather disagreeable duty which he admired himself for performing. He would have been thunderstruck at a refusal. Every year he obtained from the pastor of the congregation, of which he had long been senior deacon, a list of the young men who were punctual at church and summoned them to dinner. The good man liked to encourage piety and bestowed invitations on these exemplary young men in precisely the same spirit with which he awarded prize books for "regular attendance at Sabbath school."

The following Sunday, when Albert entered the Pennington drawing-room, punctually at two, he was surprised to find already there, besides the host, his wife, his son and daughter, 15 black-coated individuals with all of whom he was pretty well acquainted. The assembly reminded him of a special meeting of the "Young Men's Union."

It fell to Albert to escort Miss Pennington in to dinner. He, poor lad, was overwhelmed with the honor. He did not know that father Pennington, who exercised a strict supervision of his daughter's acquaintance, had chosen him as the most harmless and unassuming of the 16 young men.

Albert could think of absolutely no remark with which to open conversation. Miss Pennington, entirely at ease, saw his blushes with more pity than wonder. She was accustomed to her father's duty dinner parties and rather expected the guests to be awed. Mr. Whitney's shyness spoke in his favor, as a tribute of respect to her father. Mr. Pennington had brought his children up to strict observance of the fifth commandment.

"It is rather warm for the time of year," quoth the young lady, breaking the ice.

Albert raised his eyes and assented. He would have done so had Miss Pennington said that it was cold.

"What nice eyes he has," thought she. It was unusual for Gladys to notice a man's eyes. "It was frightfully hot at the lake last August," she said, aloud. "I think it could hardly have been warmer in town."

"It wasn't bad in town, except in the middle of the day," replied Albert, bravely.

"So you were not fortunate enough to be away on your vacation?" Albert laughed. "No, I have my vacations in November." It was then October.

"That must be nice for shooting," murmured Miss Pennington, vaguely. "You hunt, don't you?"

"I fish a little," answered Albert. There was another silence. Miss Pennington turned to her other neighbor. Then Albert found courage to speak to his young man whom he knew quite well.

A November vacation was Hobson's choice with Albert. Sometimes, if trade was active, he got none at all. He came last on the list of clerks at Johnson's. But, when he could, he thankfully packed his bag and went to spend two weeks in the Wisconsin woods with his only living relative, a great-uncle.

Great-uncle Morris was fond of the boy and good to him. His log cabin and little farm would hardly support one, and Uncle Morris held it the duty of every man to do his share of the world's work. Albert did what he could for Uncle Morris. He bought a small stock of groceries and shipped them ahead of his annual visits in order that the expense of his enter-

tainment might not be a burden, and he faithfully sent the old man the best Christmas and birthday gifts that he could afford. Uncle Morris had told him once that the farm would be his some day and sometimes, when Albert felt despondent at his slow promotion, he pictured himself as living in the cabin, in old age, without even a nephew to visit him. The thought made him tender toward the old man.

Just as Albert was about to speak to Miss Pennington, once more, he heard her father's voice: "My dear young friends," and the rest of the dinner was devoted to remarks, partly instructive and partly catechetical, from that gentleman.

Nevertheless Albert went home rejoicing. He felt that he had made a great step. Thereafter, he was entitled to raise his hat respectfully to Miss Pennington on Sunday and upon the rare occasions when he met her on the street. Moreover, as in duty bound, he made his dinner call and acquitted himself with credit, his conversation being mostly with Mrs. Pennington.

Great-uncle Morris died suddenly that year, not long after Albert returned from his November vacation. It was a shock and a surprise to his nephew, for the old man was still vigorous and had seemed in even better health than usual. Albert obtained leave of absence without salary and, drawing his little balance from the savings bank, hurried to Wisconsin to be present at the funeral. The attendance was larger than he had expected; he was pleased to see how many friends and neighbors came to do honor to the dead. Chief among the assembly was Judge Steinberg, of Oshkosh, who greeted Albert cordially.

After the services were over, the judge accompanied Albert back to the cabin and seated himself in Uncle Morris' chair, with the air of a host rather than that of a guest.

"Of course, Mr. Whitney, you know that you are your great-uncle's sole heir, but I believe that you are not aware that Morris Whitney was one of the richest men in the county."

"No—was he?" gasped Albert. Judge Steinberg smiled. Like most men, he enjoyed telling a good story. "I have known your uncle all his life; we were friends in youth, and I have always enjoyed his confidence. Years ago he had an experience which caused him to lose faith in all women, and most men, but which it is not for me to repeat. He bought this farm, which is larger than it appears, for much of it is leased, and retired to this out-of-the-way spot. It was his delight that you should love him for himself alone. The annuity which your mother received, after your father's death, was paid by him on the express condition that she should not enlighten you in regard to his affairs. I have to congratulate you on the inheritance of a very considerable fortune, which is excellently well invested. I shall be pleased to act as your agent, as I was your uncle's, but that is for you to decide."

Albert listened with dazed attention, that hardly left room for joy, to the long list of stocks and bonds of which he was now the possessor. All of them were at par, and some of them far above it.

"I am utterly inexperienced," he said, "and know nothing of business, except in the hardware trade. I could ask nothing better than to have such an agent as yourself. If it is to your advantage as well as mine that you should manage the property, I am only too glad."

The family were at breakfast when Mr. Pennington's eye fell on this paragraph in the Daily Conservative: "Albert Whitney, clerk in the employment of Johnson & Co., importers and wholesale dealers in hardware, is the sole heir to the estate of his great-uncle, Morris Whitney, of Door County, Wis., recently deceased. The estate, in addition to lands, amounts to over \$200,000, mostly invested in standard stocks and bonds."

He read it aloud. "Albert Whitney," he said, "surely that is the excellent young man whom we know. I must telephone to Dr. Shepherd for confirmation."

"Hello—good morning, doctor. Albert Whitney, of Johnson & Co., is the same Mr. Whitney who belongs to our church, is he not?"—I thought so. Have you read the paragraph about him in the Conservative, this morning?—I thought you would be.—So am I."

Mr. Pennington returned to the breakfast table. "I am sincerely rejoiced," he said. "It is providential that so large a fortune should come into the hands of a young man of such piety and rectitude."

Gladys looked up, pleased and interested. She thought again what nice dark eyes Mr. Whitney had.

"My dear," said her father to his wife, "we must invite him to dinner again and introduce him to some of our prominent people. As we did not ignore him in his obscurity, we can better afford to congratulate him on his prosperity."

At the select dinner party which followed Albert was the guest of honor, and escorted Mrs. Pennington to the table. He bore himself with quiet dignity, and Mr. Pennington took pride in the pearl which he had discovered.

The guests departed, the good man announced to his family: "Mr. Whitney is a gentleman of intelligence, as well as of integrity. It is rarely that we find so many good qualities united in the same young man."

Gladys smiled. "I am glad papa likes him so much. I always thought he was nice," she said to herself.

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